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1. JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY ON OCTOBER 29 DELIVERED THE FINAL PRESENTATION IN A SERIES OF FREE POLITICAL PROGRAMS PROVIDED TO THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES BY THE JAMAICAN BOADCASTING CORPORATION. WHILE BREAKING BREAKING LITTLE NEW GROUND, MANLEY DID CHARACTERIZE THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING DAY AS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN JAMAICA'S HOSTIRY. THE PRIMIN TOLD THE VIEWERS THAT THE SRUGEEL FOR DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY HAD BEEN A LONG ONE, STARTING IN THE DAYS OF SLAVERY AND CONTINUING TO THE PRESENT. HE CLAIMED THAT A VOTE FOR THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) WAS A VOTE TO RETURN TO THE DAYS

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OF RULE BY A PRIVILEGED FEW WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOREIGN INTERESTS. THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) LEADER COMPARED THE JLP'S ELECTION MAIFESTO TO " CHILD'S APRIL FOOL'S JOKE) MANLEY EVOKED THE IMAGE OF A APRIL FOOL'S GIFT WITH TWO STONES, ONE BEING THE IMF AND THE OTHER "THE PUERTO RICAN MODEL" BOTH OF WHICH WOULD DRAG DOWN THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE.

2. MANLEY ATTACKED OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA AND THE JLP FOR CHARGING THAT THE PNP IS A COMMUNIST PARTY. THE PRIMIN CALLED THIS A BLATANT LIE AND STATED THAT THE PNP IS A DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN, IS NOT NOW AND WOULD NEVER BE A COMMUNIST PARTY. HE CLAIMED THE SOCIALIST PNP HAS BROUGH ABOUT SEVERAL PEACEFUL REOLUTION IN JAMAICA.AMONG THESE THE PREMIN CITED LAND REFORM FREE UNIVERSAL EDUCATION, ADULT EDUCATION, INCREASED

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INCOME FROM BAUXITE AND A NEW DIGNITY FOR THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE. THE PNP LEADER CHIDED SEAGA FOR CLAIMING THAT THE JAMAICA ECONOMY IS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE. HE SAID THAT IF JAMAICA HAD AN AMERICAN DOLLAR FOR EVERY TIME THE OPPOSITION LEADER HAD MADE SUCH A PREDICTION, JAMAICA WOULD NOT NOW HAVE A FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM.

3. MANLEY CITED THE PNP'S FOREIGN POLICY OF THE LAST EIGHT YEARS AS ONE OF HIS PARTY'S MAJOR SUCCESSES. HE CLAIMED THAT IT WAS THIS POLICY WHICH HAD HELPED EVOLVE SUCH PROGRAMS AS THE VENEZUELAN/MEXICAN OIL FACILITY. THE PRIMIN URGED THE PNP BE RETURNED TO POWER SO THAT JAMAICA COULD CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE ALONG WITH OTHER THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES "FROM ALGERIA TO ZIMBABWE" FOR A BETTER DEAL FOR ALL THIRD WORLD NATIONS.

4. MANLEY ACCUSED THE OPPOSITION OF CREATING THE VIOLENCE

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WHICH HAS MARRED THIS ELECTION. HE REFERRED TO AN INCIDENT AT MONTEGO BAY'S SANGSTER AIRPORT ON OCTOBER 27 IN WHICH TEN HIGH-POWERED AUTOMATIC RIFLES WITH SILENCERS WERE FOUND. THE PRIMIN CLAIMED THAT THE WEAPONS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ISLAND BY WELL-KNOWN SUPPORTERS OF THE JLP. HE ASKED HIS AUDIENCE TO REFLECT ON THE PURPOSE OF THESE WEAPONS. MANLEY PROMISED THAT DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE WOULD BE A PRIORITY OF A NEW PNP GOVERNMENT. THE CITIZENS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE ISLAND WOULD HAVE TO COOPERATE TO END THE VIOLENCE AND INCARCERATE THE GUNMENT, BUT IT HAD TO BE DONE, AND UNDER THE PNP IT WOULD BE DONE, ACCORDING TO MANLEY. HE ASKED VIEWERS TO NOTE THAT IN THE SAME SERIES OF BROADCASTS, SEAGA HAD NOT EVEN MENTIONED THIS PRESSING PROBLEM AND RHETORICALLY ASKED BY THE OPPOSITION LEADER HAD NOT.

5. MANLEY FINISHED BY CALLING ON JAMAICANS TO REMAIN CALM AND NOT TO BE INITIMIDATED BY THE VIOLENCE SO THAT ALL COULD GO TO THE POLLS AND THE TRUE WILL OF THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE COULD BE EXPRESSED.

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